

committee amendments this evening. Perhaps then we will be in a little better shape to go tomorrow. Mr. Clerk, do you have something to read in?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports 154 correctly engrossed, 717 and 717A correctly engrossed. Senator Lamb and Senator Eret have amendments to 284 and Senator Chambers to 722 to be printed. (See pages 2517-19 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment to the bill is offered by the Appropriations Committee.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just a minute, Senator Warner, would you please turn off your lights. There have been several on and we can't tell who has been off and on. Thank you. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, over the three days which the Appropriations Committee met we initially attempted to develop some criteria at least to use for judgment as to programs that might be selected to reduce the scope of government and with completion of that to look at other areas at which an adjustment might be made and the appropriation or other methods that could be developed which would approach the dollar amount that had been spoken of last week and the total comes out to about 16 million if all of the different provisions were enacted by the Legislature in the four or five bills that are affected. We understand that we are a little over what was our presumed goal, although they were adopted as such, but that we felt it was necessary in the even' that some of the pending legislation and other bills did not pass so that the desired goal of...could still be reached. The agencies, and you have had an opportunity to look at all of them, I'll touch on them as quickly as possible. We did reduce the appropriation as far as the Legislative Council is concerned, but in that process we also merged two programs together giving the Exec Board greater flexibility to absorb that. The cut is identified as reducing the staffing from two to one and a half for senators but in our discussion it was felt that provisions